

2014 California Winter Storms



March 1, 2014 – 1000 hours

EVENT SUMMARY

- A strong winter storm with heavy rains and thunderstorms entered Northern California on Wednesday, 2/26/14, and spread south. Northern and Southern California experienced heavy rains which will continue through Sunday evening, 3/2/14, in the southern portion of California.
- Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties activated their Emergency Operation Centers to support local jurisdictions which experienced impacts in recently burned areas with mud and debris flows and localized flooding.
- Protective measures put in place prior to the storm greatly reduced impacts.
- There are power outages currently affecting 9,000 customers throughout the Southern California service area--not heavily concentrated in any one locale.
- Mandatory evacuations are in place in the Monrovia, Glendora and Azusa area affecting approximately 1000 residences.
- While there have been no lifeline closures, several highways and local roads remain closed.
- Concerns over the potential impacts from the recent Pfeiffer fire in Monterey County prompted the county to proclaim a State of Emergency which allowed the placement of independent contractors at the burn area to mitigate potential mud flows from the storms. This mitigation was successful because no mud is flowing across the roadways.
- There are no reports of major damage.

EVENT SUMMARY — cont'd

Current Activations:

- The State Operation Center, Coastal Regional Operation Center, and Southern Regional Operation Center activated in support of local government for this storm event. [A FEMA liaison is assigned to the State Operations Center for the event.](#)

Local Activations:

- [Los Angeles County](#)
- [The Monterey Emergency Operations Center did not activate for this storm.](#)

Proclamations

- The following cities and counties proclaimed a State of Emergency due to the recent winter storms
 - Monterey County
 - City of Glendora
 - City of Monrovia

WEATHER FORECAST

Current Weather :

- **Northern California**

General rain accumulations in Northern California in the past 24 hours have ranged between 0.66 inches in Stockton to 6.18 inches in the Mining Ridge area of Monterey County. Watershed areas in northern California generally receive 1-2 inches of precipitation, however, the Shasta Dam area received 1.16 inches of precipitation in the last 24 hour period. The remainder of the forecasted area has received .04 inches – up to 1.0 inch

Current average snow water equivalents, percent of normal for this date

North: 18 percent (7 percent increase in 72 hours)

Central: 36 percent (7 percent increase in 72 hours)

South: 36 percent (16 percent increase in 72 hours)

- **Southern California**

General rain accumulations in the past 48 hours have ranged from 1 to 2 inches. Southern California will not be finished with the potential for heavy showers capable of mudflows until the low passes to the east late Saturday night. Rainfall rates yesterday were as high as 0.40” in 8 minutes in downtown Los Angeles, and 1.3” per hour in the San Gabriel Mountains. This could occur again today in the heavier showers and thunderstorms. Additional amounts expected through Saturday 1-2” coasts/valleys, 2-4” foothills, 3-6” mountains below 6000 feet. This will make storm totals much as predicted with a maximum over 10 inches in the mountains of Ventura and Los Angeles Counties. Snow levels will around 5500 feet through Saturday.



CRITICAL CONCERNS

MANDATORY EVACUATIONS:

- Cities of Azusa and Glendora for 739 residences in the Colby Fire burn area
- City of Monrovia for 200 residences
- Lake Hughes for seven homes due to flooding and mudslides today

SHELTERS

- Glendora - Crowther Teen Center, 241 West Dawson Avenue
- Monrovia - Monrovia Community Center, 119 West Palm Avenue

POWER OUTAGES

- Currently affecting 9,000 customers throughout the Southern California service area. Power outages not heavily concentrated in any one spot.

ROAD CLOSURES-STATE ROUTES

HIGHWAY CONDITIONS REPORT AT 0545 HRS ON 3/1/14

- **SR 1**

One-way controlled traffic 2.5 mi north of point arena (Mendocino Co) 24 hours a day Monday thru Friday thru 1500 hours on 3/7/14 - due to maintenance

- **SR 2**

3.2 mi west of the junction of I 210 to 6 mi east of La Canada (Los Angeles Co) – due to a rock slide - motorists are advised to use an alternate route

From Pasadena to the junction of SR 39 (Los Angeles Co) - due to low visibility - motorists are advised to use an alternate route

Is closed at Islip saddle (Los Angeles Co) - due to a rock slide - motorists are advised to use an alternate route

At big pines (Los Angeles Co) - due to a rock slide - a detour is available

- **SR 18**

In the Southern California area-from 5 mi north of the junction of SR 330 to Big Bear Dam (San Bernardino Co) - due to rock slides - motorists are advised to use an alternate route



ROAD CLOSURES-STATE ROUTES

HIGHWAY CONDITIONS REPORT AT 0545 HRS ON 3/1/14 (Cont.)

- **SR 39**

In the Southern California area -from 1 mi north of Azusa to 5.5 mi south of Islip saddle (Los Angeles co) - due to safety concerns - motorists are advised to use an alternate route Is closed 4.5 mi south of Islip saddle (Los Angeles co) - due to storm damage - motorists are advised to use an alternate route

- **SR 74**

In the Southern California area-from 15.2 mi west to 5.2 mi west of the junction of I 15 (Riverside Co) Due to rock slides -motorists are advised to use an alternate route

- **SR 152**

One-way controlled traffic 2 mi east of Los Banos (Merced Co) - due to downed power pole

ROAD CLOSURES-LOCAL

No lifeline routes closed. Numerous roads in Los Angeles, San Bernardino and Riverside counties are closed due to rockslides and weather.

San Bernardino County

- San Timoteo Canyon Road is closed from Alessandro Road in Redlands.
- Nesthorn Drive at Bergschrund Drive – Crestline Area
- Valley of the Falls Drive at Canyon Road – Forest Falls
- Wrightwood - Lone Pine Canyon Road from Hwy 138 to East Canyon Drive

Los Angeles County

- Bouquet Canyon Road From 1.9 Miles North of Vasquez Canyon Road to 0.6 Miles South of Big Oaks Lodge
- Hillcrest Road between North Yucca Ridge Road and E. Sierra Madre Avenue due to a mudslide.
- Santa Anita Canyon Road (Chantry Road) to rock slides.
- Castaic/Lake Hughes: Elizabeth Lake Rd, Pine Canyon Rd to Munz Ranch Rd, closed due to mudslides

ROAD CLOSURES-LOCAL

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- Road closures: Angeles National Forest, Mt Wilson Red Box Rd, Video Rd to Angeles Crest Highway closed due to rock slides and debris on the roadway; Sunland-Tujunga: Big Tujunga Canyon Road, Angeles Forest Highway to Mt. Gleason Rd due to rock slides
- Hillcrest Road between North Yucca Ridge Road and E. Sierra Madre Avenue due to a mudslide.
- East Sierra Madre Avenue between McNeil Drive and Barranca Avenue
- Santa Anita Canyon Road (Chantry Road) due to rock slides
- Pacific Coast Highway from Yorba Buena to Las Posas Road
- Avenue M, Quartz Hill Road to 47th Street West
- Old San Gabriel Road at the Azusa City Boundary

MISSION TASKING

2014 California Winter Storms Missions

SREOC Agency Representative Missions, Winter Storms event:

- A California Highway Patrol Agency Representative was assigned to staff the Los Angeles County Emergency Operations Center to provide intelligence and coordination regarding road closures and traffic. This will be staffed through Sunday, 3/2/14.
- A Caltrans Agency Representative was assigned to staff the Los Angeles County Emergency Operations Center to provide intelligence regarding road closures and damage. This will be staffed through Sunday, 3/2/14.